

DOCKET NO.: X10-UWY-CV-16-6033559-S

PERSONNA NOBLE, ET AL.	:	SUPERIOR COURT
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V.	:	COMPLEX LITIGATION DOCKET
	:	AT WATERBURY
NORTHLAND INVESTMENT	:	
CORPORATION, ET AL.	:	February 2, 2023

STATUS REPORT

This is the second status report submitted pursuant to the Court's directive.

1. Enhanced payments

The special masters have begun to issue interview invitations to those class members who have made claims for enhanced benefits, and the first interviews have been scheduled. We are making space in our office available to the special masters for interviews. We note that two of the three special masters have jobs with increased responsibilities – *e.g.*, Mr. Dawson is now the Principal of a 500-student charter school – but the third, Attorney Royston, is making himself generally available (and is English-Spanish bilingual), so we expect they will be able to accommodate interview requests reasonably promptly. In our next report we will report the number of interviews conducted and scheduled. (Interviews are not required, and it appears that a substantial number of claimants may not request interviews.)

The settlement administrator, JND, is sending medical authorization requests to claimants whose records were not obtained during the litigation, and all claimants were asked to provide a supplemental description of their illnesses and injuries. Unless the Court directs otherwise, we anticipate that the special masters will not disqualify enhanced benefit applicants who made timely applications but incomplete submissions, but will base their evaluations on the information received.

As interviews move ahead the increased prominence of the case may possibly prompt additional - untimely - claims, and an untimely claim for base payments was recently received. We request the Court's guidance concerning how to respond to untimely claims: should the applicant be told anything more than that the claim is untimely and cannot be honored - *e.g.*, should they be explicitly notified that they can try to obtain relief from the Court?

2. Trusts

The trustee, Attorney William Clendenen, reports that the trusts have thus far made payments to nearly 500 beneficiaries in a total amount of nearly \$3 million, leaving approximately \$2.75 million remaining in the trusts. Attorney Clendenen reports no issues of concern.

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